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(As Amended)

***"AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
CREDENTIALING FOR SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMS FOR  
2015."***

1 Strike subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of  
2 section 1 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

3 "(2) (A) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of  
4 this section are not expended, the Commissioner of Education shall use  
5 such unexpended funds to support local school readiness programs in  
6 satisfying the staff qualifications requirements of subparagraph (B) of  
7 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section. The local school  
8 readiness programs shall use any such funds to provide assistance to  
9 staff for the cost of higher education courses leading to an associate's  
10 degree or a bachelor's degree. Local school readiness programs shall  
11 apply for such unexpended funds in such program's application for a  
12 school readiness grant pursuant to this section. The commissioner shall

13 determine how such unexpended funds shall be distributed. The local  
14 school readiness programs that receive such funds shall require any  
15 staff person receiving assistance to obtain an associate's or bachelor's  
16 degree in accordance with this subparagraph be employed by such  
17 school readiness program for at least three years after receiving such  
18 associate's degree or bachelor's degree. If such staff person is not  
19 employed by such school readiness program for at least three years,  
20 such staff person shall repay the amount such staff person received to  
21 such local school readiness program as follows: (i) If the staff person is  
22 not employed by such local school readiness program or is employed  
23 for less than one year, one hundred per cent; (ii) if the staff person is  
24 employed for at least one year, but less than two years, sixty-five per  
25 cent; and (iii) if such staff person is employed for at least two years,  
26 but less than three years, thirty per cent. The local school readiness  
27 programs shall use any such repaid funds to provide assistance to  
28 other staff for the cost of higher education courses leading to an  
29 associate's degree or a bachelor's degree."